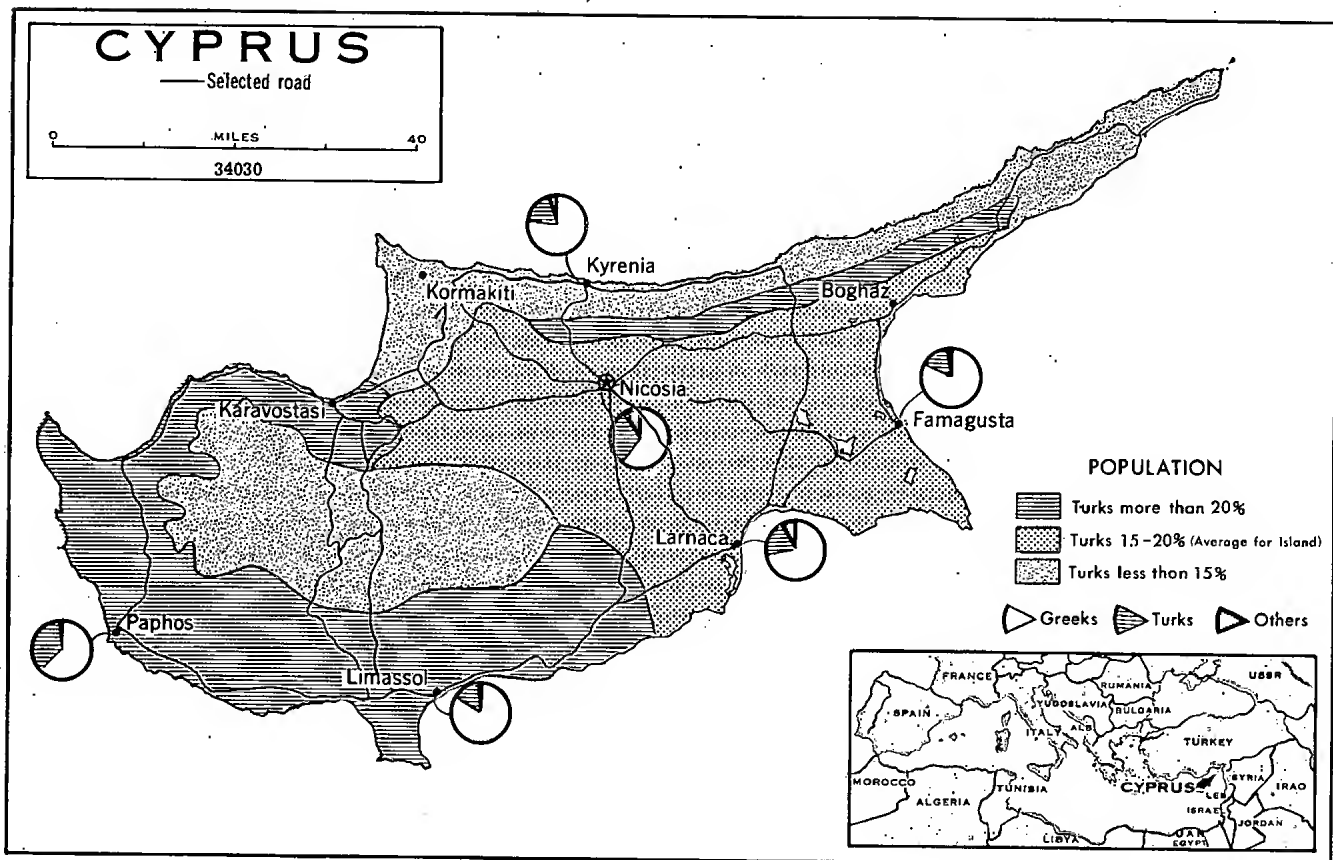


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. There was some shooting yesterday in the Polis area and additional hostages were taken elsewhere, but it was generally a calm day.

b. The recruiting, arming, and training of fighters in both communities goes on. The British have seen Turk Cypriots bearing late-model rifles. The training of Greek Cypriot irregulars, under Greek regular army officers, is now focussed, we hear, on resisting a Turkish invasion.

c. Turkish military preparations in the Iskenderun area opposite Cyprus continue. US officials in the area believe that another show of force similar to the one staged ten days ago may be forthcoming. This was designed to show the Greek Cypriots that the Turks were ready, willing, and able to help their compatriots.

d. The Greek Cypriot press yesterday asserted that the US and UK were conspiring to partition Cyprus and set up Polaris bases in the Turkish part. Interestingly, Moscow charged yesterday in Izvestia that the West was trying to turn Cyprus into an "atomic rocket spring-board."

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e. We consider the well-staged arrival in Nicosia of a team of Soviet aviation men as a calculated attempt to show how close Greek Cypriot ties with Moscow really are.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Kuala Lumpur has warned Djakarta that any planes sent to air drop supplies to guerrillas in Malaysian Borneo will be shot down.

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b. This is not an empty threat.

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c. If these moves do not deter the Indonesians, a major crisis could easily result.

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e. We are trying to persuade the Malaysians not to take this step, but they seem determined.

3. Indonesia

a. Although orders have gone out from Djakarta to Sumatran police to prevent the seizure of a US-owned rubber plantation in North Sumatra, we wonder whether the orders will be obeyed.

b. The Indonesian Communists have refused to honor government instructions to return British properties in the area to their owners.

c. The Communists seem quite willing to test the government's control in regions where Djakarta's authority is infirm.

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d. They may take advantage of the fact that Sukarno is tied up in his "crush Malaysia" campaign to step up their anti-American drive in the next few weeks.

e. This could include demonstrations against the embassy and other American property and, perhaps, some violence against Americans.

4. South Vietnam

a. A recent on-the-spot survey disclosed that less than 10% of the small arms captured from the Viet Cong last year were made in Communist China.

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d. Far fewer of the captured weapons were made by the Viet Cong themselves than was the case in previous years.

5. USSR-Cuba

a. The training of Cuban units, now going forward at all [] surface-to-air missile sites in Cuba, should be completed by April.

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c. All of this points to the system's being turned over to Castro in late April or early May.

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6. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. Somali guerrillas are jeopardizing the paper-thin cease-fire.

b. In the past several days they have damaged several bridges in the Ogaden. The Ethiopians, from the Emperor on down, are convinced that Mogadiscio is behind this activity.

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d. Ambassador Korrry suggests that Haile Selassie is no longer in absolute control of events and that there are junior officials who would like nothing better than to "teach the Somalis a lesson."

7. Bolivia

a. Bolivian politics have always been rough and tumble, but this year's presidential campaign promises to be an especially rugged one.

b. General Barrientos, a Paz foe who was told Sunday to get out of the country, was shot by an unknown assailant last night.

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c. The headquarters of presidential hopeful Lechin were bombed late last week.

d. Organizations responsive to Lechin hint that the bombing was the work of the government. They promise that such "provocative acts" will be met by violence from their side.

NOTES

- A. France-Africa Not all of Africa has been heard from, but the tide so far is running strongly against the French intervention in Gabon. Both conservative and moderate African leaders have criticized it, and the younger, more nationalistically inclined second level officials have been especially shrill. In Dahomey, for example, these elements hope to use the issue to get the ball rolling toward a closing of French bases and a withdrawal of French troops.
- B. USSR-UAR The long-rumored Khrushchev visit to Egypt could take place in May. He has, we hear, agreed to attend the opening ceremonies for the Aswan Dam. He may use the opportunity to visit other African states.
- C. USSR-Brazil The Soviets are still casting about for an aid project which would catch Brazilian eyes but not involve Moscow in Brazil's larger economic problems. Ambassador Fomin was in the impoverished northeast last week talking aid in general terms and asking for suggestions.
- D. Congo [redacted] the anti-Adoula bug [redacted] is going around in the Congo [redacted]
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- E. South Vietnam - France Ambassador Lodge reports that there is again talk in Saigon of breaking relations with France. This time the reason advanced is that the French intend to recognize Hanoi, and Saigon wants to beat them to the punch. We know of no such French intent and are urging patience on Saigon.

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